

**MANSFIELD DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2011

MINUTES

Present: Chair Tom Callahan, Michael Allison, Harry Birkenruth, Phil Spak, and Frank Vasington

Staff: Cynthia van Zelm

1. Call to Order

Tom Callahan called the meeting to order at 3:15.

2. Approval of Minutes from May 26, 2011

Harry Birkenruth made a motion to approve the minutes. Frank Vasington seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Update on Storrs Center

Cynthia van Zelm said that the demolition of the former UConn Publications building and the building at 13 Dog Lane is almost complete. Demolition of the former UConn Nayden Health Clinic will start soon.

Ms. van Zelm said the zoning permit application for the Post Office site improvements and Post Office Road (partial) is expected to be submitted today by the development team to the Town's Director of Planning and Development. The Partnership will then hold a public hearing in July.

The Committee discussed continued interest in the retail strategy for Storrs Center.

4. Update on Four Corners Sewer and Water Study Advisory Committee

Ms. van Zelm said the Four Corners Committee met on June 7. The Town is working with UConn on obtaining a consultant to develop an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) for water service in Mansfield. Prior to that a public scoping meeting will be held on June 28 to look at the parameters for a study on long-term water solutions for the Town of Mansfield. The scoping time period will be open for comment until July 7. Ms. van Zelm said the EIE will take several

months. She said that the Committee has plans to test three well sites identified for potential water source.

Ms. van Zelm said the preferred site for a sewer pump station is the Route 195/Route 44 intersection near Jensen's.

Mr. Callahan said the EIE could take nine months and then there is the permitting and construction stage. The good news is that the money approved by the CT State Legislature via the proposed tech park will help move the project forward.

5. Update on Grants

Ms. van Zelm said the Town applied for two Small Town Economic Assistance Program grants. One is for \$500,000 for utilities and on-street parking for the Village Street in Storrs Center and one is for \$425,000 for the development of the EIE and water system design for Four Corners. The Town Council approved submitting both applications and identified the Storrs Center project as its first priority.

6. Adjourn

The Committee will meet on July 18 at 4 pm. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Cynthia van Zelm